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REAL ESTATE EXPLOITERS COME IN FOR A SEVERE PANNING BY COMMISSION

Real estate exploiters come in for a pretty severe "panning" at the hands of the California State Commission Land Colonization and Rural Credits, which suggests radical changes in our settlement policies.

"We have been carrying on colonization enterprises on an impossible financial plan. We have been asking settlers to make a profit of from 20 to 40 per cent from raw land the first few years. They have not done so, and what is more important, they are not attempting to do so."

So state the report to the Governor just issued by the State Commission on Land Colonization and Rural Credits.

"If the settlers in these colonies where the soil is good and the water supply satisfactory had been given the time, the interest rate and the assistance in other directions given settlers in Denmark, Ireland, Germany or Australia, the percentage of successes here would have been as large as in those countries."

The prices asked for unimproved farm lands in California are the highest in the United States. Since 1900 land prices have been multiplied by from two to ten, while the profits of farming have increased but little. "Hence some years ago men who bought land at \$50.00 an acre could pay high interest rates and get out of debt, while today interest payments alone are causing many recent settlers a tremendous struggle."

"High prices of land have made intensive cultivation a necessity, and that in turn requires costlier improvements and higher-priced equipment.

"The cost of preparing a 40 acre irrigated farm in California so that it will be habitable and in condition to be fully productive will be from \$100 to \$200 an acre."

Up to the present, colonization companies have not appreciated the expenditures necessary for improving and equipping a farm and their sales agents have minimized the cost to the prospective settler.

Three plans for the development of ready-made farms submitted by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., and Chas. J. Kendrick, are incorporated in the report. These plans show the cost of improving and equipping a farm and the necessity for better terms both in time and interest rates.

An analysis of the cost of developing orange and lemon groves shows that it costs more than \$1000.00 per acre to bring an orange grove to its tenth year, and more than \$1100 to bring a lemon grove to the same age.

Some of the best informed men of the State appeared before the Commission at its public hearings. Extracts from the testimony of such men as C. F. Dillman, president of the D. O. Mills Bank, Sacramento; L. A. Nares, manager of colonization enterprises, Fresno, Cal.; Robert Newton Lynch, San Francisco; E. E. Manheim, banker, Fresno; C. B. Messenger, editor, Los Angeles; Marshall Stinson, land owner, Los Angeles; E. F. Harris, banker, Stockton; J. A. Agger, farmer, Stockton; appear in the report. The statements of these men confirm the findings of the field investigation of the Commission. These latter men visited 991 settlers on 24 projects extending from Tehama County to San Diego.

They found, among other things, that settlers had an average of \$4800 cash capital on their arrival; that they paid \$160 per acre for their land; that their improvement to date, though incomplete, had cost \$237 and that the size of their holdings was 37 acres.

The average age of settlers on all California projects visited was 43.6 years; the young, ambitious, energetic man who made rural California what it is today is conspicuous by his absence.

The exploiter of California real estate and the harm he has done this State is set forth in no uncertain terms. "The speculative colonizing agent gave no more thought to com-

SUBWAY NEARLY READY

The iron girders over the Niles subway on the State Highway are being put in place this week by the Southern Pacific Co. and in a few days this splendid improvement will be ready for use. The delay on the part of the company has been due to work on other parts of the system by the crew assigned to this particular kind of work.

BEST DANCE OF THIS SEASON IN NILES TONIGHT

The Macabees of Niles have been making preparations for some time for their dance which is to take place this Saturday evening, December 16, in Connor's Hall. The affair promises a fine time for all who attend and a large crowd from all about the township is expected to be present. The music for the dance is to be furnished by Syke's Orchestra. Gentlemen will pay fifty cents admission, ladies free.

munity welfare or to the ultimate results of his enterprise than he would to the rustics of buying or selling grain or coal. Land was to him merchandise to be bought at the cheapest possible price and sold for as much money as the settler could be induced to pay."

It is to the credit of some California landowners that they were not carried away by this speculative inflation but continued to sell land at relatively low prices and to sell only to those who were believed to have a reasonable chance of success. But few of the colony lands of California have been sold directly by the owners." Where landowners have dealt directly with settlers there has been little complaint and there are notable instances where the owner has assumed a moral responsibility for the settler's success, although there was no legal responsibility.

Abundant evidence is given showing the desirability and necessity for placing colonization in California under public control.

The growing menace of tenant farming in this State is presented in its true light. The situation in the Placer County fruit belt and in the Delta region is brought to the attention of the State. Though a financial success, tenantry from a social standpoint is deplorable. Better provision for farm laborers are needed and it is pointed out that it is feasible to create conditions which will make life as a farm worker more desirable and as profitable to those with families as is the life of the unskilled laborer or the average artisan in cities.

The Methods and Policies of Land Settlement in Other Countries' occupies a part of the report. It is shown that the United States and Mexico are the only great nations of the world that have not made "land settlement a State or National issue." The time is ripe now for California to adapt the successful world systems to her needs and put a new colonization and settlement policy into operation.

Conditions in this State make it imperative that a radical change in our settlement policies be made. The success in land settlement in other countries where State aid is given offer working examples for us to pattern after. More generous personal credit

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

During the past five years The Press has made the fight of the small property owner. As a result there is now working for the proper solution of our water question the best engineering talent in the State. This would have been impossible if our fight had not been made. We can not hope for any personal support from the Water District in return for the sacrifices we have been called upon to make. The Water District needs all the taxes available to pay for necessary engineering and legal expenses.

The fight for the water supply of this district will not be ended until the question has been definitely settled. Until that time it will be necessary to watch every move of the various interests and when necessary to expose any schemes detrimental to the public welfare of the entire district. Past experience has shown that if a paper does this it incures the hostility of all who can in any way be influenced. This hostility is shown in many ways and from many sources. It is exerted secretly and openly. It can be accomplished by withholding support and diverting it to others.

The Press has made enemies, influential enemies, in urging an organization which fights for all. If the people who have homes in this valley and for whom we have made the fight do not support the paper, there is no other source from which it can be expected. It is because the paper needs your financial support to pay its expenses that we are frank in appealing to you.

Perhaps you who read this may be a regular subscriber. If you are you know what our course has been and what it has brought about. Talk it over with your neighbors and urge them to subscribe.

We are not whining over spilled milk. We expect to work for years to pay for our personal share in the fight. All we ask now is that we be not obliged to give up the paper in order that we may make good financially.

We know and you know that so long as we have charge of the paper there will be no weakening until the safety of this district is absolutely guaranteed. Is the fight worth while? That is for the people of the township to say.

CHRIS RUNCKEL

must be supplied and longer terms of payment provided.

The State should aid colonization by establishing one or more offices in the State where information regarding land in approved colony enterprises could be obtained.

A demonstration by the State of the methods and policies which have transformed rural life and immensely improved agricultural practices in Denmark, Ireland, Germany, Australia and New Zealand is urged. It is pointed out that this demonstration could be made on a commercial scale so that it would be self-supporting and not cost the tax payers of the State one cent.

The report is signed by the Commissioners:

ELWOOD MEAD, Chairman, HARRIS WEINSTOCK, DAVID P. BARROWS, MORTIMER FLEISHACKER, CHESTER ROWELL, DAVID N. MORGAN, Secretary.

MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW BAY BRIDGE

A meeting of delegates from the various Chambers of Commerce in this part of Alameda County is to be held in the rooms of the Newark Realty and Development Company on Monday evening, Dec. 18, at 7:30 o'clock, to confer concerning the proposed new vehicular bridge across San Francisco Bay at Dumbarton Point. At the last meeting of the Newark Chamber of Commerce Messrs. W. C. Graham and Wheeler were authorized to collect data from interior points in the matter, and they are to report at this meeting.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY IN NILES DECEMBER 23rd

Under the auspices of the Young Ladies Institute of Niles the Sunday School children of the Catholic Church will have a Christmas Tree Party on Sat. evening, Dec. 23, at Odd Fellows Hall. There will be a delightful program by the children of the Sunday School and a real live Santa Claus to make every kiddie happy. Mrs. William Moore and Mrs. Cahill have charge of the affair assisted by Miss Lynch, Miss Garcia, Miss Rose, and Miss Whitfield.

PROGRAM

1. Trio—
Myrtle Ferry,
Filma Lanfri,
Helen Futado
2. Adeline Nevis, Piano Solo
3. Laura Silva, Song; Recitation
4. Edna Destrella, Recitation
5. Ione Cahill, Piano Solo
6. Willis Bliss, Recitation
7. Acrostic—
Helen O'Neal,
Edna Rose,
Gertrude Destrella,
Helen Bliss,
Mary Sullivan,
Mary Fields,
Mary Bliss,
Susie O'Neal,
Ione Cahill.

OLD BELL TO RING IN NEW YEAR

The oldest Christian bell in existence will ring out the old and ring in the new at Oakland's New Year's eve celebration this year. This ceremony will be the finale of the production of "The Messiah" by the Alameda County Chorus in the \$1,000.00 municipal auditorium.

Preceding the oratorio a pilgrimage will be made to the top of Mount Diablo, where farewell will be sung to the last sunset of 1916 and a dance symbolic of the birth of the new year will be performed. Mount Diablo, the highest peak in Central California, gained its name from an Indian chief called "The Devil", who routed the Spanish conquistadors in the seventeenth century.

These two events are parts of an elaborate musical program for 1917 arranged under the direction of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. The other festivities include:

An open air opera in the early spring on the shores of Lake Merritt, the only salt water lake in the world inside the confines of a city.

A concert of the songs of war and peace on the night of May 29 in the municipal auditorium.

A musical pilgrimage in the fall to the Joaquin Miller cross on "The Heights" the home of the late poet, where General John C. Fremont first saw and named the Golden Gate.

The old bell that is to ring on New Year's eve is of Spanish casting, bearing the date of 1247. In that year Spain's first Christian King, James I, was on the throne. It is the property of Frank A. Miller of Riverside in Southern California.

BRICK COMPANY IS TO ENLARGE ITS NILES PLANT

The California Brick Co. whose plants at Decoto and Livermore are already very large ones will still further increase the capacity of both plants in the near future. The present demands for the company's products necessitate an increase in the drying and burning departments. These will be increased at once by additional kilns and driers that will call for the expenditure of at least \$70,000.

The big plant at Decoto has enjoyed a very good year and best of all it has developed into a successful industry. The making of a successful paving brick has been accomplished under the superintendence of Mr. Meyers and for the past year it has been making paving brick almost exclusively. Some sewer brick are being made as there is considerable demand for them.

San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties are at present using the company's paving brick quite extensively and the City of Berkeley expects to use them on some of its streets.

The value of paving brick for a permanent pavement is recognized all over the central part of the United States. With the growing demand for good permanent roads in California the value of this character of pavement is bound in time to be more fully recognized.

Considering the hundreds of thousands of dollars that the company has spent in this section and the large payroll it is maintaining it ought to be a matter of pride on the part of our people to boost this industry on all occasions.

PIANO CONTEST WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 20th

The Hellwig Lagrave piano contest will close on Dec. 20. There are only five days more for the contestants to get in their votes and it is expected the closing days of the contest will see some lively voting. The two leading contestants are Mrs. Dinsmore of Alvarado and Miss Rose Smith of Decoto. Both have done some lively hustling.

The contest has been handled by the Hellwig Lagrave people and they have announced that the contest will possibly close on Dec. 20.

There is a chance for several days yet to help your favorite in the contest, by subscribing to the Washington Press. With each yearly subscription we give 2000 votes. In addition to this we give a coupon to all new subscribers entitling them to an excellent photo. This photo is made by a reputable firm in San Francisco and the work turned out by them is of first class quality. This offer of the photo will hold good for each new subscriber at any time.

This week is your last chance to help in the contest. Remember it closes on Dec. 20.

Hiram Johnson the 1920 Moses

The editor of the Richmond, Virginia, Enterprise has the following to say about Senator-elect Hiram W. Johnson, whom it alludes to as the 1920 Moses:

"Those busy president-makers who the election of Wilson cannot be doubted. They gave Johnson 300,000 majority in California and the electoral vote of the state to Wilson, thereby deciding the election. In this is seen the hand of the progressive republicans with a vengeance, and to that important faction in the party must present and future leaders defer.

"Not to Roosevelt, then, but to Johnson, must the republicans look for leadership in 1920 if they would stand any chance of success. With Johnson it is possible; with Roosevelt improbable. To the sunset state of the Golden West and Hiram Warren Johnson its idol, the Republican party of four years hence, in all likelihood, will turn for its Moses, if we read the signs aright."

BENEFIT DANCE BY NILES BAND

It is hoped that a good crowd will be on hand to dance at Connor's Hall on Saturday evening of next week to help swell the fund for the Niles Chamber of Commerce Band, for whose benefit the dance is to be given. The music for the terpsichore is to be furnished by the band itself and prizes are to be awarded as a special feature of the evening. Gentlemen will be charged an admission of fifty cents.

Coming Events

December 16. Sunday evening. Social Dance, Connor's Hall, Niles, given by Canyon Tent, The Macabees, Sykes' Orchestra.

December 15. Friday evening. Connor's Hall. Entertainment. Benefit pipe organ fund for Niles Congregational Church.

December 23, Saturday evening. Benefit Dance by the Niles Chamber of Commerce Band, Connor's Hall.

December 20. Wednesday, 6:00 P.M. Close of Hellwig-Lagrave—Washington Press Piano contest.

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EDITORIAL

YOU CAN HELP

There is a good chance for those who appreciate the loyalty of the Press to the best interests of this township to subscribe for the paper at this time. You can help the young ladies who are trying to win a piano and you can help to increase the circulation of the Press. There are only a few days left before the contest closes.

The announcement that the California Brick Co. is to enlarge the capacity of its already large plant at Decoto is very gratifying. It is a serious criticism on our own county to know that while both San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties are using the output of this plant that so far Alameda County has given it absolutely no encouragement. Here is a home industry with an investment of at least half a million dollars and so far as Alameda County is concerned it is utterly ignored. With a monthly payroll of \$5000 a month it is one of the principal industries of this section. Our people complacently profit by the operation of the big plant but in no way do we show any appreciation whatever of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of outside capital which it has invested in our county. It seems that we might at least show our appreciation by putting in some of our permanent highways the excellent paving material which it is manufacturing in our midst. Even a block or two of street somewhere in the township ought to be laid in paving brick to help demonstrate to others the superior quality of our local product. Certainly Alameda County, the third richest in the State ought to cultivate a different attitude toward this big home industry which is recognized by its neighboring counties.

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ical maneuvering. These efforts have subsided with Horner's recovery. It is rather cold blooded to speculate on the chances of an official's recovery but in the political game even such things do not repress the aspiring politician. As soon as Horner's condition became known the wire pullers began to lay their wires. Hints were thrown out, trades offered and several well known politicians stood close to the edge waiting to cast their hats into the ring. Among those who delicately announced their ambition were Supervisor Heyer and Supervisor Joe Kelley. The fact that the elevation of either of these would necessitate an appointment of supervisor by the governor did not deter their ambition. Unfortunately for the would-be assessors and fortunately for Assessor Horner and his friends Assessor Horner is rapidly improving. The Press has criticized Assessor Horner's espousal of certain politicians but we are very glad to note his recovery and sincerely hope that it will prove permanent.

POLITICAL GOSSIP
BY THE EDITOR

The Oakland political pot is just simmering a little at present. The most interesting gossip just now is caused by the renewal of the effort to secure several additional superior judges for Alameda County. As usual the preliminary moves to secure the appointments are being made and the number of aspirants who are willing to don the toga is not limited to the number of positions that are to be created.

Among the most active are District Attorney W. H. Hynes, Mortimer Smith and Senator Tyrrell. Hynes is anxious to repeat the history of the past and have the District Attorney's office prove the stepping stone to the judgeship. In case the positions are created the appointments will be made by the Governor. As it is uncertain whether Governor Johnson or his successor Governor Stephens will have the privilege of naming the new judges, there is somewhat more of an air of uncertainty than usual attached to the situation. Whether the change in the government will man a change in the predominating influence in Oakland is also keeping the politicians guessing. That the election of Stephens to the governorship may strengthen the Earl influence in Oakland is just now engaging earnest attention. If Hynes is appointed the Board of Supervisors will appoint his successor to the District Attorneyship. Of course, all the deals will be made before hand if possible. Ezra Decoto is among those mentioned as well as other deputies in the office. Whether an attempt will be made to secure two or three judges to relieve the present overworked occupants has not been definitely decided upon. At any rate there is apt to be a lot of trading and political bargaining done in case the new positions are created and when everything is arranged the public will be informed. As yet the game has not proceeded far enough to indicate any definite lineup.

Another political move is the recount in the Wixson-Mullins contest. Mullins was reelected by a majority of about 400 votes. Mullins is a friend of County Treasurer Mike Kelly and if Mullins can be unseated or if any stigma can be fixed upon him or his friend it will serve a useful purpose to those with whom Kelly has parted political company. The former friendship existing between Kelly and Supervisor Murphy was broken when Supervisors Heyer and Murphy formed their combination with Supervisor Joe Kelley nearly two years ago. The defeat of Peter Crosby by Congressman Elston and the defeat of George Beck for State Senator since then has served to strengthen Mike Kelley greatly as most of his friends won out. The contest against Mullins is in the nature of a reprisal and if it can be successfully put over ought to prove a handy club in the political moves that are now being figured out.

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At the Churches

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Niles, California
H. H. GILL, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church services, 11:00 a. m.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CENTERVILLE
REV. F. C. MURGOTTEN, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Kindergarten, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
First Sunday of the month, evening
service, 7:45 p. m.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Niles, California
Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Centerville, California
Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst. pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday — Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:00
a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School.
8 p. m. Preaching Services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Newark, California
James Curry, D.D. Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45
o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting
7 p. m. Sabbath School 9:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Aid first and third Wednesdays
afternoon each month, Missionary Society
last Fridays at 2:30 p. m.

S. P. TIME TABLE
IN EFFECT OCT. 1, 1916

SAN FRANCISCO TO NILES

Train	Lv.S.F.	Lv. Oak.	Ar.Niles
No. (Mkt. St.)	(1st-Bd.)		
210	1:20a	1:57a	2:42a
500	6:40a	7:11a	8:08a
82	7:20a	7:51a	8:40a
32	8:20a	8:55a	10:00a
504	12:40p	1:15p	2:13p
38	4:00p	4:30p	5:12p
52*	4:40p	5:10p	5:47p
96	4:40p	5:12p	6:07p
80	5:00p	5:30p	6:12p
182**	5:20p	5:53p	6:47p
98	6:40p	7:11p	7:58p
184 Sunonly 7:40p	8:11p		9:02p

TRACY TO SAN FRANCISCO via Niles
Train From Lv.Niles Av.Oak. Av.S.F.
No. 1st.St.

Train	Lv.Niles	Av.Oak.	Av.S.F.
No. (Mkt. St.)	(1st-Bd.)		
210	1:20a	1:57a	2:42a
500	6:40a	7:11a	8:08a
90	7:20a	7:51a	8:40a
82	8:20a	8:55a	10:00a
32	12:40p	1:15p	2:13p
38	4:00p	4:30p	5:12p
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TRAINS LEAVE NILES FOR CENTERVILLE

Train	Lv.Niles	Av.Oak.	Av.S.F.
No. 1st.St.			
210	5:45a	6:35a	7:10a
93	6:54a	7:51a	8:38a
94	7:57a	8:55a	9:30a
79	8:55a	9:33a	10:10a
181	1:30p	2:13p	2:50p
31	2:20p	3:10p	3:50p
97	4:35p	5:32p	6:10p
37	6:12p	6:53p	7:30p
51*	8:51p	9:28p	10:00p

TRAINS LEAVE CENTERVILLE

Train	Lv.Centerville	Av.Oak.	Av.S.F.
No. 1st.St.			
210	5:07	4:45a	
505	9:15a.m.	10:53a.m.	
509	2:25p.m.	5:15p.m.	

TRAINS LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO FOR CENTERVILLE

Train	Lv.San Francisco	Av.Oak.	Av.S.F.
No. 188	9:35a.m.	9:32a.m.	10:10a.m.
9:50a.m.	No. 92	No. 92	No. 92
12:40p.m.	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
2:00p.m.	arr. Newark	arr. Newark	arr. Newark
2:15p.m.			

TRAINS LEAVE NILES FOR SAN JOSE

Train	Lv.Niles	Av.Oak.	Av.S.F.
No. 1st.St.			
210	8:10a.m.	10:00a.m.	
1:35p.m.	2:20p.m.	2:12p.m.	
8:00p.m.			

* Does not stop at Niles.

** Daily except Sunday.

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LODGE MEETINGS

NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I. O. O. F. Meets every

Monday evening at Niles

N. P. HANSEN, N. G.

L. A. FRONZT, V. G.

P. A. ELLIS, Secy.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W.

Meets every second and fourth Friday

of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.

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J. S. SOITO, Adv.

M. H. LEWIS, Clerk.

M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M.

Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1916:

January 15, February 12, March 18,

April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8,

August 12, September 9, October 7,

November 4, December 9.

F. B. HARTMAN, W. M.

A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

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WATER-PROOF
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DAMP - PROOF

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FLOOR COVERINGS
TRUNKS
SUIT CASES
BEDDING

BARGAINS IN SECOND
HAND DEPARTMENT

ELLIS
FURNITURE MAN
NILES CAL.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH, NILES

All of the Sunday school pupils are urged to remain for church service next Sunday morning. "How to observe the Christmas season" will be the theme for the sermon. The evening subject will be "What shall I do with it?" The service is for every person in the community who is under 25 years of age, and for those who wish they were.

The gymnasium will be open by the first of the year under a comprehensive plan of management. A committee consisting of Mesdames Alberg, Richmond, Schofield, and Messrs. Johnson and Moyer are now working on the plans.

Shooting Notice

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby notify the public that they will not allow hunting or shooting on their property or along Alameda Creek adjoining their premises.

Anyone trespassing on our property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

J. H. Peterson
E. H. Stevenson
Leola V. Stevenson
Spring Valley Water Co
George P. Lowrie
Fred Lowrie
B. C. Mickie
J. M. Noya
J. C. Shinn
California Nursery Company, Inc.

FOR NILES PEOPLE

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NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday the 2 day of January 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of T. S. Mello to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Alvarado in Alvarado Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., Dec. 11, 1916.

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Lincoln Steffens Pictures Ideals of Carranza in Talk Before Commonwealth Club

¶ MEXICO HAS SOMETHING TO TEACH US. UNTIL WE CAN GO ABROAD TO LEARN, AND NOT TO TEACH, WE SHOULD BUILD A WALL AROUND THE UNITED STATES AND STAY HERE UNTIL WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY SOLVED OUR OWN PROBLEMS. — LINCOLN STEFFENS

were out of employment. Every village was surrounded by a strip of communal land where any citizens could live, tend cattle, raise crops and ward off starvation.

"Diaz, under the urge of his foreign advisors, decided that this communal land must be taken away," said Steffens. "When he did that he took Mexico right out from under the Mexicans. Since then the people have had to work for someone else and live on someone else's land."

RESTORE COMMUNAL LANDS
"Carranza intends to restore the communal lands, to put strips of it around all of the mines, and give his people a place to live."

Beginning with the accession of Porfirio Diaz to the Mexican presidency, Steffens gave an interesting sketch of the affairs of the southern republic, tracing from their incipiency the causes of the various revolutions that wrecked the foundations of the Mexican nation.

At the outset he placed the blame for Mexico's plight upon the privilege concessions.

"All individuals in all countries to whom society or the government has shape of franchises or charters or concessions—are the men who corrupt society," he declared.

PICTURE OF DIAZ

"Diaz was an Indian, a well meaning man, who intended to do good, but didn't know how. So, when he became president of Mexico, he asked the most practical men he could find to tell him what to do. Like practical men always do, they told him how things had always been done, not how they should be done. They

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told him to encourage American capitalists to come to Mexico. They told him that he had a wonderful country, with a wonderful soil, and under it vast deposits of wealth.

"In the United States, the pointed out, it was the custom to give those deposits to individuals so that they might get the wealth out. Such a policy, the assured him, would make for a prosperous nation. So he granted concessions to Americans, and at once they joined the forces that corrupted the government.

"Then the English came and outbid the Americans, and there was conflict between them. But Diaz had many concessions and he kept granting them until the labor problem developed. There were not enough laborers available to get out all the wealth, and the concessionaires decided that they must have an economic system that would deliver labor to them. They saw that, under the communal land system, many of the Mexicans didn't have to work for anybody else. So the communal lands were abolished.

MADERO LEADS DISPOSSESSED
"That led to the beginning of the next revolution. Came Francisco Madero, Portuguese Jew, visionary idealist, as the leader of these disposed people."

Steffens pictured the early experiences and environment of Madero when he was a student in Europe, associating with the Bohemians and radicals of the foreign capitals. Under the communal system the Mexicans did not starve when they

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AMERICANS FINANCE MADERO
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any time by agreeing to yield up the purposes of his revolution and protecting the privileges. None of the foreigners in Mexico favor Carranza. When he becomes popular in London, New York, or New Orleans he has sold out.

CARRANZA'S PHILOSOPHY

"Carranza said to me: 'This is not a political revolution. It is an economic revolution. We don't talk as you Americans do, in political terms.'

"Carranza, warned him again that these men would kill him, but he said no."

Steffens said that one of the first meetings held in Mexico City for the purpose of overthrowing the constitutional government of Madero was called by the American ambassador.

"The Mexican conspirators picked Victoriano Huerta," he continued. "Then they planned a ten days' bloody battle in Mexico City, because they knew that public opinion always reacts against disorder. Huerta picked out the flower of the troops that were loyal to Madero and sent them up against the machine guns. When they were exterminated, Huerta went to Madero and told him that he must resign. Finally, convinced that he was serving his country, he did so. Then it was decided that he must be killed."

"Americans in Mexico say that Huerta had nothing to do with the murder of Madero, and that he forbade it. These statements seem to be borne out by facts. After Madero had been put in prison, it was planned to take him from the jail to the penitentiary in an automobile, force him out of the machine on the way, and then shoot him down on the pretext that he was a fugitive.

"Huerta arose at the table where this plan was formulated, and said that he forbade its execution. But his friends, disregarding his orders for the only time in their relationship with him, went ahead with the plot. The only detail in which it miscarried was that they didn't succeed in getting Madero out of the automobile. But they drove him around behind the penitentiary and shot him to pieces.

"Our ambassador then called a meeting, and urged all of the other ambassadors to get their governments to recognize Huerta before the news of the assassination spread abroad. All of the governments did so, except our own.

WHY HUERTA FAILED

"There was a reason why the United States should not have recognized Huerta. It was because at that time he represented only us. He did not represent the Mexicans, but the foreigners alone. The conspirators had intended to put Felix Diaz in control of the government, but Huerta wouldn't do it, and his friends deserted him, charging treachery.

"A Mexican with whom I talked in New York said to me: 'We may have another tyrant in Mexico, but it will be a tyrant of our own choosing, not one chosen by Americans.'

Carranza was described by Steffens as a man quiet inside and out, who speaks without moving his hands.

"His principal trait," he said, "is his obstinacy, but he has the most suggestible mind I ever met in a position of power. His obstinacy is a virtue. The foreigners complain that they cannot do anything with him. This is true. If you can form any conception of the atmosphere of bribery that pervades Mexico you may be able to appreciate the appalling temptations that have been offered him. He could have established peace at

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MARGARET R. TURNER
Executrix of the estate of JAMES W. TURNER also known as J. W. TURNER, Deceased.

Dated, Irvington, Calif. Dec. 14, 1916.
THOS. J. POWER,
Attorney for said Executrix,
Irvington, Calif.
First publication, Dec. 16, 1916.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the estate of NELLIE A. HORN, deceased, to all persons having claims against the said deceased to, within four months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda or exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the office of Thos. J. Power, Attorney at Law, Irvington, Alameda Co., Calif., which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

WILLIAM E. HORN
Executor of the estate of Nellie A. Horn, Deceased.

Dated, Irvington, Calif., Dec. 14th, 1916.

THOMAS J. POWER
Attorney for said Executor,
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ON TAKING AN ANAESTHETIC

By CHRIS RUCKEL JR.

You are wrapped warmly with a hot water bottle at your feet. Your arms have been strapped to your side, and your hands folded across your chest. The bandage has been placed over your eyes; your lips have been greased to prevent the ether from blistering them; the rubber mask has been put down over your nose and mouth. The room is quiet. You are breathing deeply. Soon your head begins to feel drawn and a numbness creeps up from your toes and fingers toward your heart. Everything seems far away. There is a ringing in your ears and you can hear your pulse hammering at your temples. Your head and chest are bursting. You can no longer feel the mask. The coordination of body and mind is gone. Except for a terrible roaring in your head you are conscious of no physical sensation. Then the tension is broken and you seem to float away. You are anaesthetized.

Taking an anaesthetic is not an everyday occurrence. In many respects it is disagreeable. It is hardly pleasant for a person with a normal appetite to go forty hours without food, and twenty-four hours without water. It is somewhat disconcerting to rub elbows for the first time with our old friend of the scythe and hour-glass. It is often disappointing afterward to realize how long it takes to get over all the effects of the "little death"; for one's nervous system is left rather unstrung. There are many things incidental to the experience that are unpleasant.

If one takes it philosophically, he is apt to derive, from the anaesthetic, benefits that are more permanent than the physical adjustments for which it has been given. One is apt, for example, to lose his fear of death, and to think of it not as an end of life but as the beginning of a new life. One may become disciplined in the art of taking hard things with an inward smile and bitter things without being embittered by them. One is apt to lose a lot of false pride, and to gain a new sense of the importance of the powers that are not seen and that cannot be understood. Losing one's fear of death and tasting the freedom that comes with it, one is almost certain to view with pity the tragedy of lives that ignorantly beat themselves out in the struggle after the phantom of Success.

Today we are here and tomorrow we are forgotten. The world moves on and our bodies are dust and ashes—prince and beggar alike. Civilizations pass away and worlds change, from planets covered with living things, into a dead glacial mass. In spite of which, some of us persist in strutting about. The chief value of an anaesthetic is that it knocks all the strut out of us, and teaches us how unimportant we are, except as a part of the eternal scheme of things.

NEWARK

Mrs. W. H. Maffey has been quite ill, and is still confined to her bed, with a nurse to care for her.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Walker of Berkeley, Dr. and Mrs. Howard I. Kerr and daughter Elizabeth of Oakland, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. James Curry on Thanksgiving. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Walker are Mrs. Curry's sisters.

The Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sabbath School will be held in the church on Thursday evening, Dec. 21. The public is cordially welcome.

In accordance with the proclamation of President Wilson the Presbyterian Church took up the matter of raising money for the relief of Armenian and Syrian sufferers on account of the war. They raised \$71.00, of which \$4.33 came from the public school.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church recently held an afternoon social gathering and bazaar which was a very pleasant affair. And on Friday evening, Dec. 8, a musical and literary entertainment was given under their auspices in the Assembly room of the Grammar School building. The program was rendered entirely by local talent, and was quite varied and most interesting. There was a large and orderly audience in attendance. The proceeds of the two occasions were over one hundred dollars.

Jerry Collins has given up his position with S. A. D. Buchanan and is at present a gentleman of leisure. On the first of the month he is to begin reducing weight as a fireman for the S. P. In the meantime he is seeing a considerable part of the State.

IRVINGTON

Mrs. W. Wood of Oakland has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Ida Hirsch.

Master William Bewick is threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. L. Roderick went down to San Jose with Mrs. Fred Nelson of Niles, Saturday.

Fred Barkmeyer was a visitor in town on Saturday.

DECOTO

The Decoto School will close next Friday, Dec. 22, for the Christmas vacation. It is the purpose at present to have a Christmas tree in the afternoon at the school house. A short program will be given but no attempt at an elaborate entertainment will be made.

During the vacation it is the intention of the trustees to make some change in the sanitary arrangements at the school. Money derived from a special tax will be available for this purpose. The trustees also intend to erect a water plant for the school.

Miss Theresa Whitfield has resumed her duties in the school after an illness of a week with tonsillitis.

The usual happy Christmas time at the Masonic Home is being planned for this year.

Quite a number of the small children in the district are suffering from chicken pox.

Tom Silva, one of Decoto's enterprising farmers holds the record this year for killing the largest hogs. It weighed 680 pounds. It was of the Poland-China breed.

County Superintendent of Schools G. W. Frick and County Attendance Officer M. J. Welch were both visitors in Decoto this week.

Several carloads of material were received this week by the Willist Burr Co. The shipment is part of the outfit of a large construction company in the East.

CENTERVILLE

Dr. Eaton our genial dentist wears a broader smile than usual these days. This is accounted for by his approaching wedding to a charming young lady from San Diego, which is to take place before the new year.

Mrs. F. Marston of San Francisco has been visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bond.

Mrs. Ida Hirsch spent Friday in San Jose shopping.

Miss Frances Peters has been on the sick list for a couple of days.

Miss Cassie Christensen and Renie Roderick spent Saturday and Sunday in Alvarado with Mavis Scribner.

NILES

Niles now has three card clubs, the Neighborhood Whist Club having been organized this week. The first meeting was held with Mr. and Mrs. Jacobus on Wednesday evening. Gentlemen members will pay a small assessment each evening and there will also be prizes each evening for the highest scores made by a lady or gentleman. The hours for play are from eight to ten o'clock. A light supper will follow before adjournment. On Wednesday evening Mrs. Hatch received a vase, and Mr. Bailey a purse for highest scores. There are five tables of players, the members being Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Overacker, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tyson, and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jacobus, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thane, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Craft, Mrs. Fern Green, Miss Biggs, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Ford. The meetings will be held every two weeks on Wednesday evening. The next meeting will fall on Wednesday, Dec. 27th with Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Meyer to entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tyson and their daughter Miss Edna Tyson spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Nicoll in Oakland. Miss Edna Tyson remained over the week-end to enjoy a concert by Madame Schumann-Heink, which she attended with Miss Mary Barnard.

Mr. Edward Hyatt Jr. has moved his family to Niles, where they are occupying one of the Essanay cottages for the winter. Mr. Hyatt is working for the California State Water Commission investigation of the Water District-Spring Valley controversy.

The Niles Chamber of Commerce Band has cards out announcing a benefit dance to be given in Connor's Hall next Saturday evening, December 13th. The music is to be furnished by the band itself. The admission is fifty cents for gentlemen. Prizes will be awarded.

The Maccabees of Niles are giving a dance at Connor's Hall, Niles, this Saturday evening, December 16. Syke's Orchestra will furnish the music. The admission is fifty cents for gentlemen. The dance promises a good time for everyone and a good crowd is expected to be present.

Mrs. Lester Duffy and daughter Patricia, and Miss Florence Sharpe spent the day Thursday in the city.

The work of putting in a curbing on I street between First and Second is a distinct improvement.

A Christmas Tree party for Saturday evening, December 23rd, is being planned by the Young Ladies Institute of Niles. The party will be held at I. O. O. F. hall and a program will feature the evening.

The final count of the ballots in the Hellwig-Lagrange-Washington Press contest will take place at six o'clock this next Wednesday evening, December 20th. Ballots must be deposited at either Niles or Alvarado store of Hellwig & Lagrange before that time.

Mrs. Mosher and Mrs. Hunt spent a day last week at Selby, Contra Costa Co., with Mrs. Clarence Waldner, nee Winifred Hunt, in her cottage home at that place.

The Niles Bridge Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Elvin Meyer as hostess. All the members were present to enjoy the jolly luncheon around the long table, and later to pass a couple of hours with the pleasant diversion of the game. Mrs. B. L. Tyson and Mrs. Elvin Meyer made highest scores for the afternoon. The next meeting will follow in two weeks on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, with Mrs. Ben Tyson as hostess.

Trinity Guild held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Philip Moore, the members passing pleasant afternoon with needlework. Light refreshments were served before adjournment. There will be no further meetings until after the holidays. Mrs. B. L. Tyson will be the next hostess on Wednesday, Jan. 10th.

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About 300 are expected to enjoy the good cheer of the beautiful tree and the fruit of its branches. Mrs. Oakeshott, President of the Club, is working hard to make the evening a success.

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Mr. Paul Bailey, civil engineer employed by the State Water Commission has been allowed a State automobile for his work. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are staying at Belvoir while his work is in this district.

Mrs. J. E. Thane attended the anniversary celebration of